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CURRENT COMMENT

By FREDERIC HEATH.

When the Titanic of capitalism strikes the berg of Socialism another unsinkable craft will hit the trail for Davy Jones' locker.

When is black white? When Roosevelt says it is. When is a thing wrong? When Roosevelt doesn't happen to need it in his business.

The new social conscience that the rise of Socialism is developing in the people will have more and more to say to capitalism as the years go on.

Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee had rousing meetings in St. Louis. He is telling the story of Milwaukee at first hand, and is in great demand all over the country.

The city of Zurich, Switzerland, has just been half captured by the Social Democrats—that is they have now two out of the four seats in the cantonal legislature.

The American Protective Tariff League is devoted to the protection of American labor and industries. It says so itself. If it didn't have labor's interests most at heart it wouldn't mention labor first, would it? Eh?

If there had been no discovery of wireless telegraphy, there would have been a complete loss of life on the Titanic. Marconi, with all his science, dispensed for ages, seems to be a pretty good thing, after all.

Low politicians are genuinely worried over the spread of Socialism. In the recent municipal elections there was even a fear that the city of Burlington would go red, and the sighs of relief that went up when it was found that this had not really happened could be heard above the most robust prairie zephyrs.

A fake story about an alleged Socialist on a Milwaukee street car getting a pummeling for saying he was glad the Titanic drowned a lot of millionaires, is going the rounds of the plute press. It first appeared in a Milwaukee paper noted for the unreliability of its news and its subservience to the crooks of capitalist politics.

Massachusetts is persecuting men who do innocent labor on Sunday. A man in Dorchester was fined for digging in his garden, another for beating a piece of carpet, and another for burning up some rubbish in his yard. It is noticeable that any work that capitalism has to do on Sunday is not molested by the Blue Law zealots. Let the wage slave struggle!

Dr. Clemence S. Loefer says that when reading was first taught to women in America it was opposed on the ground that she would lose her father's or husband's name should she learn to read and write. Geography met with like opposition on the ground of its tendency to make her dissatisfied with home and devious to travel, while the records of history show that the first public examination of women in geometry, in 1839, raised a cry of disapproval over the whole country.

Quite a curiosity is the first issue of the Los Angeles Evening Municipal News, the municipal daily which has been started in the southwestern city and which is in charge of a city municipal newspaper bureau. It is the same size as an ordinary city daily, contains impartial municipal news, runs large business advertisements, and gives a column on one page to each political party to present its ideas. It intends to print want advertisements free. It is issued weekly at one cent a copy and 52 cents a year, by mail. The experiment is interesting.

The United States is called a Christian nation. We have prayer to open our houses of law-making, chaplains in the army, and our coppers bear the words, "In God we trust." Yet the Men and Religion Forward Movement has gathered statistics and made a statistical map of the country, and it shows that the non-churchers are 60 per cent of the population. The rather curious thing about all this is that it is so in spite of the present kind of immigration, which comes mostly from Roman Catholic countries. Is capitalism the foe of religion? They don't tell us that in campaign times!

A San Francisco paper that professes to be Socialist has a call on its first page to the unemployed to tramp to San Diego, where there is a free speech fight on. "Go to San Diego. Demand your rights of free speech. Be Men!" These I suppose are called tactics. There may just be a possible difference of opinion as to whether they are noble or ignoble tactics, however. The call does not state whether they are to throw emery dust into the machinery of the factories, put explosive chemicals into the boilers, or sneak castor oil into the bread troughs.

The liberty and civilization of the present are nothing else than the fragments of rights which the scaffold and axe have wrung from the strong hands of the usurpers.—Wendell Phillips.

Herald Peace Edition May 18

May 18 is International Peace Day. The International Socialist movement is the most powerful and potent peace force in the world today. It has actually prevented war on several occasions during the past ten years. War will cease when the workers of one nation no longer consent to be led forth by the master class to shoot the workers of other nations with whom they have no quarrel.

The issue of the Social-Democratic Herald of May 18 will deal especially with the peace and anti-war movement so rapidly growing in all countries where the Socialist propaganda is being carried on extensively.

Order a bundle for free distribution in your community. It will open the eyes of the young men and have a great tendency to keep them out of the militia and army.

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Get your order in at once.

No News for the Plain People, Says Capitalist Mayor



The new "non-partisan" mayor of Milwaukee has served notice on The Milwaukee Leader, the Socialist daily that now leads them all in number of readers, that it can get no city news from his department.

of Nazareth who spit their impotent venom at us. But meantime many good people are misled, you say. Even so, all the more sure will be their attitude when they finally do learn the truth.

The latest attack on capitalism comes from Dr. Max Schlapp of Cornell university, who says that the tension of modern life, industrial and social, is wrecking the race and producing a growing number of defective children, criminals, imbeciles, etc. He says we are going the way of the Greeks and Romans, but that the cause in our case is "the strain of modern industrial life," which produces its effects on the high and the low alike. The frenzied pace of modern life may easily be believed to portend disaster, yet it is a cardinal rule of capitalism that leisure is a crime and a reproach, and that not only must the factory drudge be "speeded up" to the point next to exhaustion but that the masters in the game, the capitalists must themselves be insatiable and also get in the quickest pace of modern life. All this is not natural. Human nature was never built for it. Nature never intended it as a crime that people should live while existing. All the vast inventors to lighten human labor are of no avail to the people while we live under the capitalist system. Yet there is no sense in it all. If society were properly ordered all could live in comfort, production could be just as abundant and even more so, and people could become normal again. This will only be possible when the people get the upper hand of the capitalist minority and put society's house in order. Some years ago this looked like a dream. But today all the signs assure us that it is inevitable, unless society goes to smash.

WASHINGTON News Notes

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Government ownership of wireless telegraph is provided in a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Berger, Socialist of Wisconsin. The creation of a federal wireless bureau under the department of commerce and labor, is the plan Berger advocates. He would have the government acquire ownership of the wireless companies through condemnation proceedings. He argues that the confusion attending the sending of wireless telegrams when the Titanic was sinking is ample proof of the need of such legislation.

To prove that his proposal is not purely a Socialist measure, he quotes Commissioner Chamberlain of the bureau of navigation and Lieutenant Commander Todd, of the navy coast signal service as being in favor of a government monopoly of wireless.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The women of Alaska are to be given equal suffrage under the Alaskan government bill passed by the house late this afternoon. The bill grants partial home rule to the territory through its legislature. By a vote of 81 to 35 an amendment was adopted assuring to the Alaskan legislature the right "to modify the qualifications of electors by extending the elective franchise to women."

Twice the house had defeated the proposal by the vote when offered by Representative Mann, the Republican leader, but an amendment by Representative Mondell of Wyoming was finally adopted.

Representative Taylor of Colorado, declared that in less than 10 years the entire country would recognize the right of women to vote.

"The safe-keeping of the race is left to the women," declared Representative Berger, Socialist Congressman from Wisconsin, in a speech urging the house to give the Alaska legislature authority to grant to women legislative authority to grant to women the right to vote.

"Woman is of more importance to the race than the man, and every real man realizes that by instinct," said Berger in reply to a remark made by Representative Ferris of Oklahoma, that equal suffrage would not benefit the women aboard the Titanic. "The privileges they enjoyed. 'I for one, and I believe every member of the house,' continued Berger, 'would stay back at any time and give way to the women and children whether women enjoyed suffrage or not.'"

Berger declared that women were entitled to the franchise as a matter of justice, not because they would elevate politics.

"They have not elevated politics in Colorado," he said. "They have not done so in Wyoming. They are the mainstay of Mormonism in Utah and in Idaho."

"But I favor the amendment as a matter of justice. Women are not making any worse job of it where they have a vote than the men do where men alone rule. I favor the amendment as a matter of justice. Women form a part of our population—fully one half of the adult population. They are folks like men. They ought to have the same rights and the same privileges as men."

All just government is founded on the consent of the governed.

"We can not have a free country, we cannot claim to be real democrats as long as fully one half of the citizens of the country are disfranchised."

Berger concluded: "To paraphrase a sentence of Abraham Lincoln: 'A country cannot endure that is half free and half not free.'"

"But there is also one more reason and that is an economic reason. In former days, especially among Germans the good husband—the housewife—was the ideal woman."

In the days of our fathers and grandfathers the woman, the housewife had nothing else to do—could do nothing else—than to take care of the family, the kitchen, watch household. That time is passed, especially in large cities women now must go out into the world and work. They have to support themselves and very often they also must help to support their families. Woman works in the office, school, factory, and millions of them go into factories. The number of women at work in 1900 was 5,319,397. I do not have the figures for 1910 at hand. Working like men, they ought to have the same economic and political rights as a man. That is all there is to it. Not because women are better—although I believe they are better—and they are better looking, of course (Laughter and applause), or a matter of justice, democracy and economic fairness women citizens should have the same political and economic rights as men citizens."

clude the commonest laborer engaged in that industry, and if that grievance is not rectified, then I say that industry should cease until such time as the grievance is adjusted. (Applause.)

For 8-Hour Day.

"That is one thing that I must consider, and another thing that I thoroughly believe in is the eight-hour workday. I have been advocating that to the pattern-makers of this country a long time. We are now confronted with what is known as the army of the unemployed. I say it is wrong for any man to work long hours while another man is tramping the streets unable to secure employment. I contend that the principle of the eight-hour workday is right. In justice to the worker. But I contend even further than that, that the wage earners of this country should never keep on fighting. (Applause.)"

"The great corporations are arrayed against us. It is a war of attrition. The trade unionists of this country cannot stand upon their dignity, that is, I, as a pattern-maker, must not support you as a boiler-maker, or as a blacksmith, or whatever you may be. But the time has come in our different organizations that when the boiler-makers or any other trade has a grievance, there should go to the officials of that management, regardless of what it may be, a united committee representing the entire industry, and I do not expect

THE SOCIAL EVIL AN ECONOMIC PRODUCT--By Victor L. Berger

"CERTAIN Social Evils in Relation to Public Health and Morals" were discussed in the Sunset Club of Milwaukee.

It is characteristic that of the six speakers of the evening only one dared mention the word "prostitution."

Said Dr. F. Rogers:

Three great perils threaten the health of modern society. The alcoholic peril, the tuberculosis peril and the social peril.

This foul ulcer has lodged and vegetated in the vitals of society, infecting rich and poor, innocent and guilty alike, wrecking families, converting strong men into weaklings, dragging blooming womanhood down to hopeless invalidism, killing our unborn children, condemning thousands at birth to go through life sightless. And yet when a proposal is made to recognize its existence and devise ways and means of treating it, society shudders, closes its eyes and hides its head like the ostrich, calls it unspeakable and so hugs the venomous serpent closer to its bosom.

And the doctor suggested "that every private school, primary school, high school, college and seminary should provide courses in the hygiene and pathology of sex."

The above was the only suggestion of the evening deserving any serious consideration—but it will not cure the evil.

There can be no question that syphilis, next to tuberculosis, is the worst enemy of the human race. And gonorrhea is almost as bad. From 60 to 70 per cent of all cases of blindness of children are ascribed to that dread malady, which is very seldom cured; 75 per cent of all men in Chicago and New York are said to be affected.

I will not go into details—that would be beyond the scope of a newspaper article, although I agree with the speakers that the fullest publicity is imperative.

And what is the cause of it all?

Prostitution.

There are no trustworthy statistics on this vital question in American cities—there is too much hypocrisy. But Paris has about 100,000 prostitutes, London has the same number, and there is no reason to believe that New York is any better in proportion to its size.

Prostitution is as old as matrimony.

Originally it had the form of religious prostitution—in honor of the goddess of love or matrimony. Thus women prostituted themselves in the temples of Babylon (for Mylitta), in Phenicia (for Astarte), in Egypt (for Isis), in Greece (for Aphrodite), in Rome (for Venus, later on also for Bacchus), etc. And the priests took the money.

Christianity abolished these forms, but the seducing of girls and women and the commerce in vice took its place. Syphilis, which was absolutely unknown to the old Germanic tribes when they were heathens, came to them with Christianity and civilization. By the way, this is also the manner in which all the wild tribes—Indians, Negroes, or South Islanders—got it in later centuries. They received it when they got the whisky from the traders and the Bible from the missionaries. Civilization for them usually means syphilization.

And I will say that the doctors are pretty well at sea, when it comes to the treatment of this question. The above mentioned opinion was about the best.

Another "doctor" proposed sexual abstinence as a

remedy, and branded as a "heresy"—and a heretic is evidently the worst being he knows of—the idea that "sexual continence" is not compatible with the best of health.

In the first place only one institution has ever tried this—namely, the Roman Catholic Church, for its clergy. It has ignominiously failed. Prostitution was never so universal as during the period when the church ruled supreme—according to Catholic authors. It was nowhere so much a state institution as in Rome and Avignon, where the popes resided. Nor was there ever such an aggregation of prostitutes seen in the world as during the church councils of Trent and Constance—and that in spite of all the efforts of the church to keep its members moral.

And that is natural enough. Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret—even if you knock nature with a club, it will always come back—and the strongest impulse of every organism (be it plant or animal) is to reproduce its kind.

And as far as human beings are concerned—Love is the sum and solution of all desires in man—that in which they converge, for which they all exist.

The other desires, the self-preservation desires—hunger, thirst, the desire for power—are strong indeed, but when they are satisfied, they all empty themselves in this one. Love is a flame which uses all the rest as its fuel.

This natural law cannot be suppressed by any artificial law—statute or ecclesiastic.

The trouble is only, when man cannot get the real

article, he will accept a poisonous substitute.

And what is prostitution? Before all things, it is also a remnant of the days gone by when men used to buy their wives. Prostitution is very much the same thing today. Men buy their wives—some buy them for life, some buy them for a shorter time.

The man who sells himself for life to a rich woman, or the woman who gives herself for life to a rich man, without love, is also a prostitute.

The difference between the prostitute of the street and the woman marrying for life without love is simply a difference of degree, not of kind.

And now to come to the bottom of the subject. Today the mainspring of prostitution is poverty.

Very few daughters of rich men are to be found in the houses of prostitution. There are probably as many pathological cases—nymphomaniacs and ethical defectives—among rich women as among the poor, possibly more.

But the rich find other ways of satisfying their propensities.

An investigation in 1888 in Massachusetts of 3,866 prostitutes found 1,236 poor girls with no previous occupation, 1,155 were formerly servant girls, 505 were formerly dressmakers and seamstresses, 292 came from factories, 126 from stores, 52 from the stage.

Let us take the case of the average hired girl or factory girl, long, tedious hours and lack of refining pleasures. She naturally longs for something better. Besides, she is miserably underpaid. Is it a wonder that she often falls a prey to the first man who will take advantage of her?

After she has once made a misstep, she rarely regains

Pres. Wilson's Ringing Address for Union Consolidation!

KANSAS CITY, Kan., April 24.—The Western Consolidated Federation of Railway Employees, the dream of the leaders of the Harriman system of federations, is today a realized fact.

The new organization was launched in the Labor Temple here last week by the delegates representing the trades unions of 32 railroads west of Chicago. Whether the new federation of federations will continue to exist will depend upon the membership of the crafts involved.

Wilson Addresses Delegates.
Delegate James Wilson, president of the Patternmakers' league, ad-

ressed the conference as follows: "This is a serious question, the financing of a trades union. I want to tell you boys today that are fighting the railroads, we have but few men employed on the railroads, but there is not a struggle of labor that I do not watch, whether in this or any other country, whether it is among skilled or unskilled labor; I watch that movement."

Don't Stup at Chicago.
Remember that the western railroads stop probably at Chicago, but that steel rails continue into Maine. When we are making a fight of any kind

of this country, and when you hit him a lick, hit them all over and cripple them all over. West and East.

Never depend on anybody else for the necessities of life. Prepare yourself in advance.

"Let me know what you are going to do for the patternmakers. I don't make any request here that you say you will admit us. If you want a good organization composed of all the metal workers, including the patternmakers, all right. If you don't want us, we will wish you godspeed. We never made a fight to be recognized by anybody but the bosses, and when we fight them we never declare any fight off, because we

LABEL SIGN GOES.

The sign—
"MILWAUKEE DEMANDS
THIS LABEL ON ALL 178
PRINTING"
—with the picture of the union label, has disappeared from the wall in the city clerk's office, Milwaukee, where it hung throughout the Socialist administration.

Socialism Means Individuality

By LAWRENCE SMALL

If Socialism stands for one thing more than another it stands for INDIVIDUALITY. We seek no reduction to a uniform level of physical measurement, of height, chest capacity, or muscular vigor; we do not expect that all our intellectual powers shall be of the same order in kind or in degree; that our education shall be along the same lines; that our various opinions and beliefs must be forced into concurrence.

THAT is and has been the outcome of INDIVIDUALISM. To all appearance it has been the aim, as expressed by our codes of education for elementary schools, to instruct all pupils in exactly the same subjects and to the same extent to drill them into one style of writing, of reading, and of doing a few sums, entirely irrespective of the aptitude of the individual children themselves. Instead of education we had instruction; training gave place to dogmatics.

Children under our individualistic system have been treated as if they had no individuality whatever. It was implied in our educational scheme that what one child can do all children can do. The child-mind was regarded as a blank sheet of paper on which might be inscribed whatever one pleased.

Your individualistic state sat about declaring what all children should be, and sets about making them so—to its discomfort.

Elementary education has been a failure until now, perhaps, when examination for grants have been abolished and freedom of choice in subject and method has been allowed to the teacher.

But even now classes of pupils numbering 60 to 80 are taught en masse; a class of 50 is regarded as a small one.

What possible individuality can be encouraged and developed in any child by even the most capable and sympathetic teacher?

In our science and technical evening schools we have courses of instruction on the same lines. I'll prepared in the day schools, the pupils are unable to derive the full benefit of their opportunities. They have not learned to be students. Their day school teachers have supplied both mind and text-book, with the result that when a book of study is put into the hands of the average evening student he does not know how to use it.

The evening pupils are handicapped, too. In coming to their study tired in mind and body after a full day's work.

These facts are slowly being recognized by educational authorities, and there are signs of improvement.

All this, however, is not the gravest thing that can be said about the matter. The painful fact is that the aim of education has been forgotten, and that the whole purpose of our schools appears to be the creation of more efficient tools for the workshop and the office. There is the hope in the student that his technical knowledge will be of advantage in competition for employment or for promotion, and that his wages will be greater.

The latter hope is certain to disappointment; and if it were realized might not be worth the strain—for under these conditions learning is a strain, it ceases to give pleasure, it is not self-development, but is instead a fevered striving for individual material benefit at the expense of individuality.

So in our workshops. How mechanical, monotonous and wearing the routine becomes when one has to attend to the same small duty throughout the whole working day! Unremitting attention to a machine—the real work—has reduced the mill hand to a mere adjunct of machinery. There can be no sort of pratonese that for the masses of the people modern factory life, or clerical work, makes for a strengthening and development of individuality in the worker.

Dogmatism in religion and social custom also discourages individuality in thought and conduct. From our rules to our wearing apparel, we are slaves to rule.

Monotony, in education, in religion, in life, is the outcome of individualism, and will disappear only with the achievement of Socialism and the consequent development of individuality.

We require that every several man shall have what is now denied him—a full and free development of the body and mind he is born with, shall be alert and active in both, stunted neither physically nor mentally. We aspire to no democratic level, which, were it possible, would efface all picturesqueness from life. We ask equality of opportunity for all, because we want each and every man and woman to be in the true sense an INDIVIDUAL.

- Moorhead, Social-Democrat, cigar maker.
Galkowski, Democrat, saloon-keeper.
Ruhmke, Social-Democrat, miller.
Urbanek, Social-Democrat, miller.
Woschinski, Democrat, saloon-keeper.
Sheehan, Social-Democrat, cigar maker.
- 1912 Board of Supervisors.
Baden, Non-partisan, farmer.
Czerwinski, Non-partisan, undertaker.
Dawson, Non-partisan, former fire-fighter.
Engel, Non-partisan, commission merchant.
Heath, Social-Democrat, editor.
Hohman, Non-partisan, manager refrigerator factory.
Killey, Non-partisan, circulation man on Evening Wisconsin.
Klemer, Non-partisan, bakery.
Mensing, Social-Democrat, attorney.
McCarthy, Non-partisan, teaming contractor.
Muenzberg, Non-partisan, saloon-keeper.
Oleniak, Non-partisan, city council.
Kiemer, Non-partisan, real estate.
Eiser, Non-partisan, business contractor.
Chik, Non-partisan, grocer.
Wanta, Non-partisan, real estate, former saloon-keeper.
Winter, Non-partisan, carpenter contractor.
Schweiner, Non-partisan, former justice of the peace.

Capitalist Greed vs. Human Life

The Titan's disaster has directed public attention to the fact that passenger steamers on the Great Lakes are inadequately equipped with life boats. On the large excursion steamers, which at times carry from 3,000 to 5,000 passengers, no pretense of safety is made.

It is quite possible that congress will take action, in the absence of adequate regulations by the proper executive department. Representatives from the states which have lake ports have indicated that they favor action by congress at the present session.

Representative Berger hit the nail on the head when he said:

It is our American way always to wait until something really fearful happens, and then amend the law. I think boats should be required to carry a larger number of lifeboats and rafts than required to accommodate the passengers and crew, to provide for the engulfing during launching of the boats and destruction through collision.

Mr. Berger might have stated that even a shocking disaster is not always sufficient to lead to the adoption of the safety regulations needed. After the Slocum disaster, in which over 1,000 passengers lost their lives on a burning excursion steamer at the entrance to the New York harbor because there were not even provided life preservers that would float, the fact that the same conditions existed on the Great Lakes was made public. There was promise that the government would compel the ship owners to provide ample boats, with trained crews to man them, and the public was lulled into a sense of false security.

When the adoption of safety appliances interferes with profits, it needs a great many disasters to awaken the public to its insecurity. In the United States there is hardly a day passes without its grade crossing accidents. Yet, no move has been made, outside of the large cities, to abolish them. Mine accidents are frequent. Hundreds of miners are killed every year in accidents which could be prevented. In our industries, the toll of death is startling. Human life is cheap.

Our civilization is based on the production of wealth for private profit. Whatever interferes with the production of profits interferes with the chief end of man's endeavors. When the idea shall take possession of men's minds that wealth should be produced for use rather than profit, then it will not need disaster piled upon catastrophe to impress them with the folly and the wickedness of permitting human life to be sacrificed to human greed.—Milwaukee Leader.

WEALTH WITHOUT WORKING

Calgary, Alta., is a shining example of how easily money can grow from a small investment. Before the Canadian Pacific touched it, Calgary had only 4,000 population, but when the tracks were completed it jumped up to 10,000 in a comparatively short time.

Of course, real estate values went up, too—lots, which started at \$100 to \$500 brought all the way from \$1,000 to \$10,000 inside of a year or so and now the price of favored locations are \$30,000 to \$50,000. Edmonton, Saskatoon, Prince Rupert, Fort George and a dozen other places have done substantially the same thing.

A new townsite which just now presents the same kind of an opportunity is Fort Fraser, B. C. This future metropolis is directly on the main line of the great new Grand Trunk Pacific railway, which is scheduled, to run trains through this new country during the coming summer.

If you get in before the Grand Trunk Pacific reaches Fort Fraser you can get lots for only \$200 and up, on terms as low as 10 per cent down and 5 per cent per month. The British Columbia government itself guarantees the titles. No interest or taxes, either, are charged until lots are paid for.

If you write quickly to Spencer Jordan & Co., Dept. W, Marquette Bldg., Chicago, they will send you by return mail, free, official map, booklet and full information about Fort Fraser. They will also tell you about 10-acre tracts of best selected garden land near Fort Fraser to be had on easy terms.—(Adv.)

White Slavery

(Continued from 2d page.)

For thousands of young people in crowded city quarters—may produce such temptations and present such snares to virtue, that average human nature can not withstand them. The very fact that the existence of the social evil is semi-legal in large cities is an admission that our individual morality is so uncertain that it breaks down when social control is withdrawn and the opportunity for secrecy is offered.

The situation indicates either that the best conscience of the community fails to translate itself into civic action or that our cities are too large to be civilized in a social sense. These difficulties have been enormously augmented during the past century, so marked by the rapid growth of cities, because the great principle of liberty has not only been translated into the unlovely doctrine of commercial competition, but also has fostered in many men the belief that personal development necessitates rebellion against existing social laws. To the opportunity for secrecy which the modern city offers, such men are able to add a high-sounding justification for their immoralities. For untold millions, however, for our moral progress, the specious and illegitimate theories of freedom are constantly challenged, and a new form of social control is slowly re-established on the principle, so widespread in contemporary government, that the state has a responsibility for conditions which determine the health and welfare of its own members; that in the interest of social progress even hard-won liberties must be restrained by the demonstrable needs of society.

The National Convention

By J. L. ENGBAHL.
(Special Correspondence.)

CHICAGO, Ill., April 22.—The 1912 presidential convention of the Socialist party to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., opening May 12, will last from ten days to two weeks.

That is the indication at the present time with the odds more in favor of two weeks than the ten days. Preparations have been made by the national office of the Socialist party so that Tomlinson hall, where the convention is to be held, can be secured for the longer period, if necessary.

Some reports have it that special excursions are being planned from Columbus, O., and other cities where the Socialists are making history. It is probable that Milwaukee and Wisconsin Socialists will join a large number of Chicago "Reds" in the trip to Indianapolis.

Indianapolis Socialists are doing everything possible to make the convention a big success so far as it is possible for them to do so. A local committee consisting of Carl Ott, George J. Lehner and Frank McEneaney have been selected to shoulder the burdens of the convention preparations and will do their utmost to see that everyone is made comfortable. Lehner will reply to all communications regarding hotel accommodations and can be reached at 611 Law building, Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is understood that most of the delegates will be quartered at the New Denison and the English hotels. A rate has been secured of \$1 on the European plan and \$2.50 on the American plan at the former, and \$1 and up on the European plan at the latter.

The English hotel has become famous as the headquarters of the Socialists contingent in the convention of the United Mine Workers of America. It has been the headquarters of the Illinois miners as well as the coal diggers coming from the Pittsburgh district and the southern states.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 20.—What is considered about the most scorching roast ever administered to the strikebreaker appears in the current Iron City Trade Journal. It says:

"After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad and the vampire he had some awful 'substance' left with which he made a scab. A scab is a two-legged animal with a cork-screw soul, a water-sogged brain and a combination backbone made of jelly and glue. When other people have their hearts holed by a tumor of rotten principles. When the scab comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the angels weep tears in Heaven and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out. No man has a right to scab as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope long enough to hang his carcass with."

Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared to a scab, for, after betraying his Master, he had enough conscience to hang himself and a scab has not.

5500. The Chicago Daily Socialist exposed their graft, after which business wasn't very good.—Ex.

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IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

New Officials Incompetent

The office of the city controller is in such a tangle that it is negotiating with ex-Deputy Liebscher to come back and show it where it is at, and to cover up its confusion it has spread broadcast in the "non-partisan" press of the city that the Socialist administration and the financial system which the Socialists installed are to blame for the condition.

It is reliably reported that the controller's office is trying to get Liebscher, who was fired by Controller Koeckel, back into the harness in a job specially created for him. The position is nominally that of auditor, with inquisitorial powers over all other city departments, but in fact the purpose is to get someone in the office who knows something about city finance. As Liebscher was let go, and Deputy Controller Puelliche put in his shoes, it is necessary to create a special position to get him back. The salary offered Liebscher, it is said, is \$2,500 a year.

Two Boards Compared

The personnel of the new county board offers some interesting comparisons with the old board. In the new body there are four contractors, two real estate men, two saloonkeepers, one of whom had his license revoked recently; a bakery proprietor, a grocer, an undertaker and a commission merchant, a circulation man on a tory paper, a farmer, a retired city fireman, manager of refrigerator concern, a former justice of the peace who started as constable, and the two Social-Democrats, who are respectively an editor and an attorney.

The editor is the only man who is a member of organized labor.

There were seven union men on the old board, all Social-Democrats.

Here is the complete list of both boards.

1911 Board of Supervisors.
Archibald, Republican, saloon-keeper.
Bell, Republican, insurance agent.
Bones, Social-Democrat, brewery teamster.
Guns, Social-Democrat, machinist.
Hachinski, Social-Democrat, butcher.
Heath, Social-Democrat, editor.
Jacobus, Republican, cement contractor.
McCarthy, Democrat, teaming contractor.
Mensing, Social-Democrat, attorney.
Mies, Social-Democrat, merchant tailor.

The New County Board

The first session of the new county board, held this morning in Judge Ludwig's courtroom, was very simple and short.

All the members-elect were present at the calling of the roll by County Clerk Martin Plehn.

Supervisor William E. McCarthy placed the name of Oscar E. Schweiner before the board as a candidate for the position of chairman of the board. This was seconded by Supervisor Oleniak.

Supervisor Frederic Heath nominated Supervisor George E. Mensing for the same position, and Oleniak moved that the nominations close.

The ballot showed 16 votes for Schweiner, as the latter asked to be excused from voting. The Social-Democratic members gave each other complimentary votes.

The escort committee named by the county clerk consisted of Supervisors Baden, McCarthy and Heath.

Supervisor Oleniak nominated Stephan A. Wanta for vice chairman. Supervisor Mensing placed the name of Frederic Heath before the board for the same position. The vote stood as for chairman, electing Supervisor Wanta.

The court room was beautifully decorated with flowers, placed mainly upon the desks of the members of the board, and the chairman's rostrum and desk.

Wages and Cost of Living

It took \$3,623 last year to pay for the necessities of living that could be bought for \$2,500 in 1907. Sixty-nine years ago had the buying power of the dollar of today. This is the graphic way in which Prof. Joseph French Johnson, of New York university, drives home the meaning of "increased cost of living." His two simple statements make it startlingly plain that there is a seamy side to modern American prosperity.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Old Gema

A bunch of labor skates was uncovered in Chicago last week in the office of the Chicago Federation of Labor. They had made the rounds of politicians and agreed to hand them endorsements for \$100 to

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Body Cells and Foods

"The cells of our body never learn what the character of the food which we eat really is." With this sentence, delivered at a recent meeting of the men of science, Prof. Emil Abderhalden has concisely defined a modern viewpoint of nutrition which is rapidly becoming prominent. Before they leave the alimentary tract the foodstuffs which we eat are broken up into fragments that serve as the real food of the body. Complex carbohydrates are resolved into sugar; fats are split into glycerol and fatty acids; proteins yield an aggregation of characteristic substances. Indeed, the main function of digestion is to put these comparatively simple "building stones" at the disposal of the internal tissue cells so that they can select or further rearrange them as the special functions require. Whether it is meat or cereals that we eat is, after all, largely a matter of indifference, for they all furnish similar digestion fragments, so long as the digestive processes perform their duty.—Journal of the American Medical Association.

Human Brotherhood

An old man was busily employed in planting and in grafting an apple-tree. Some one passing by, rudely accosted him with the inquiry: "Why do you plant trees, who can not hope to eat the fruit of them?"

The old man raised himself up, and leaning on his spade, replied: "Some one planted trees before I was born, and I have eaten the fruit; I now plant for others, that the memorial of my gratitude may exist when I am dead and gone."

It is a narrow, selfish feeling that confines our views within the circle of our own private interests. If man had been made to live for himself alone, we may justly conclude that every one would have been placed by himself, and his bounds marked out, so that he might live alone.

The truly ingenious, benevolent mind, takes more pleasure in an act which will confer blessings upon others, than in one that terminates on himself. The selfish man wraps himself in his cloak, and cares not for the sufferings of others, so that he keeps warm himself. This old man, however, remembered how much he was indebted

Stories of Animals

A traveler relates how, once in a foreign country, he saw an interesting sight. A lot of monkeys were on one side of the stream of water but seemed to desire to cross over. After much chattering, one of the largest climbed a tree close to the waters' edge. Grasping a limb with his hands, or front feet, his body was suspended in the air. Another animal ran up the tree and slipped down over number one, and grasped him just above the hips; other monkeys did likewise until there were ten or a dozen of them hanging together. Now they began to swing, the end monkey going higher and higher. Pretty soon the fellow on the loose end caught the limb of a tree on the opposite side of the creek in this way making a bridge of live monkeys over which all the others safely crossed. When they were all over, the big fellow who was the first to start the bridge let go his limb, when the bridge swung to the opposite bank where the animals dropped to the ground. Here was manifested great intelligence, and was an exhibition of a brotherhood or community of interest. No individual monkey could have crossed that stream, but when they all acted collectively, or Socialistically, they accomplished the feat. All the progress of the human race has been through co-operation or Socialistic

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Morgan and the Carbines

By A. M. SIMONS.

In the course of the investigations for my book, "Social Forces in American History," I found records of a very peculiar transaction that took place in the early months of the Civil war.

From official documents it is shown that some guns, that came to be known as the "Hall carbines," had been condemned by the war department, and sold at private sale for \$3.50 each. This sale did not take place until after the war broke out, and this sale was immediately followed by the republication of these same carbines by the government for \$22.

A congressional committee investigated this and recommended that the seller be not paid this price. But was then brought in the court of claims and that court awarded a judgment in favor of the man who had sold the condemned carbines. The original voucher was made out to J. P. Morgan, and the suit in the court of claims was brought in his name.

In view of these facts I inserted the statement in my work that one of the sources of J. P. Morgan's fortune was the fraudulent sale of condemned carbines during the Civil war.

I understand that representatives of Morgan threatened the Macmillan Company with a libel suit. As my contract with them provided that there should be nothing libelous in the book, I finally agreed to submit the question of whether the evidence I had would stand in court to an attorney, who was also a Socialist. He reported that it would probably be impossible to prove that Morgan was the principal in the case, that he might claim that he was only a banker, and that by so claiming he could probably maintain an action for libel.

In view of this statement I have had Morgan's name taken out of the account of the transaction in the book, but I now propose to give this matter a publicity far greater than it would have been possible to have given it through the book. As soon as my time shall permit I am going to gather the entire evidence of this transaction, including the discussion in congress, the report of the court of claims and of the congressional committee, with all the references to Morgan, and publish the same. The reader of this can then decide whether or not Morgan was guilty of complicity in a fraud.

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Week after next, May 18, The Herald will print a Peace Day special issue. See notice elsewhere.
Next week The Herald will pay special attention to little Davy Goldstein and other crafty critics of Socialism.

Workmen are warned to stay away from the Pacific coast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Frank J. Hayes, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America has been nominated as Socialist candidate for congressman from this congressional district, his selection being decided upon unanimously by the convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Forced to admit that the industrial problem, embracing the proprietor, the wage earner and the consumer, constitute one of the gravest public questions with which the government now has to deal, President Taft and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel today called together leading business men of the country for a "national commercial conference."

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 28.—Commissioner Weinstein, who has been here on an investigation of the free speech fight, has reported back to the governor that a state of anarchy has existed here, the officials being the lawbreakers. It is expected that the governor himself will arrive on Tuesday to make a personal investigation. The last three days have been used in obtaining a jury for the trial of the men accused of destroying jail property, and although members of the vigilantes are sitting on the jury, the court refuses to grant a change of venue.

GAELAND, Cal., April 22.—The recall election inaugurated by the Socialists of Oakland is the highest thing ever undertaken by the Socialists on the Pacific coast. It is the first time the Socialists anywhere in America have invoked the recall on capitalist class officials. It is also the first time the recall has been used by the American citizen to recall a majority of the members of the city administration all at the same time.
The Socialists and trades unionists here are enthusiastic and working side by side in the campaign.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.—Charles Dickens.

"My Big Brother Kin Lick Ye"

By A. M. SIMONS.
Many and loud are the boasts of the victory won by the "One Big Union" at Lawrence. Yet the fact is that the "One Big Union" would have been a big tragic joke had it not been for the financial aid, publicity, care for the children and especially the Congressional intervention obtained through the Socialist party.
The same is true of all the other victories of this one big union, including their free speech fights. Everywhere this terrible new revolutionary organization has played the part of the small boy that runs around spitting in people's faces and then yelling for his big brother to come and do the fighting.
Understand that I do not object to the "big brother" doing the fighting. That is what we are here for, and I hope I shall never be the last to respond whenever the U. W. W. or any other body of workers need help in a fight against capitalism. I am even of the opinion that the Socialist party might well make a little more definite declaration in favor of industrial unionism. I think the U. W. W. has learned that much, and what is of far greater importance the miners and other industrial and revolutionary organizations should be supported in their efforts.
It might be well to recognize the simple fact that the U. W. W. is much farther from being an industrial union than many others that might be mentioned. It has never succeeded in organizing any considerable portion of any industry. It has only established a few local bodies much like the "Federal Union" of the A. F. of L.
Furthermore, the international Socialist movement might as well recognize now as later that the use of economic organizations for the accomplishment of social purposes will greatly increase as the social revolution, into which we are now entering, reaches a more accelerated speed. The use of the strike on a large scale, including the "general strike" in some form is coming and we would be foolish to reject any weapon in the desperate battle that is before us, unless that weapon can be shown to be worse than useless, which is not true of the strike.

But this economic action will not be directed by dilettante intellectuals, and place seeking word-jugglers, nor will it be directed by the Socialist party. The best we can do is to co-operate with it as effectively as possible.
Up to the present time the miners have done more for revolutionary unionism and won far larger and more far reaching victories in any one year of the last decade than all those claimed by the U. W. W. More important still they have educated many men to class-conscious revolutionary activity than there have ever been members in the U. W. W. But because some of the officers of the U. W. W. have not repeated the credo of the hot air revolutionists they have been screamed at in every key played by the wind orchestra controlled by those professional revolutionists. I can go into almost any mining camp and find a half dozen working men who know more of real revolutionary tactics and practical industrial unionism than most of those who are turning out reams of bombastic stuff on those subjects.
We are all proud of the splendid fighting stuff that has been developed in the U. W. W. and those who condemn most loudly this frothy mouthing of phrases by those farthest from the battle line have often been the first to give such aid as they could in these fights.
But there is a danger to the Socialist movement in that industrialism has become a "blessed word" with which to rally half-baked Socialists to the support of a clique of would-be officeholders. The newly made Socialist protests much of his revolutionism. He is easily caught with phrases, and it is in cunning appreciation of this fact that the chief organ of this phrasemongering element in its latest issue makes its appeal to the new members. The less a person knows of Socialism, the more he is controlled by lingering elements of the middle-class catastrophic mind, the easier he is deceived by these empty words. The old Socialist, the real revolutionist, has seen generation after generation of these wordy terrorists. He has seen them drift into capitalist political ranks whenever their interests so inclined.

A study of the records of previous party conventions shows that every delegate that has turned traitor or left the Socialist party since these conventions began has been one of these mouth revolutionists. Remember this when you hear this sort of people talk at the coming convention. We want none of that bravado courage that defies the lightning when the sky is clear and runs to capitalist politicians when danger threatens. It is not simply because Victor Berger and more to do with winning the victory at Lawrence than Bill Hayward that we look upon the former as the more revolutionary. That might be due to the accident of position. But we remember that when the Socialist party was struggling every nerve to save the life of Bill Hayward that he was working in the Boise jail to elect Democratic politicians. These things do not sound nice, but it is sometimes well that even unpleasant truths should be told.
To the men and women who are fighting under the banner of the working class, I will grant every measure of support in my power and ask few questions as to theories or methods. But for these "little brothers of the brave" who are so much in evidence where the spotlight glare falls brightest, and who are building up a machine within the Socialist party, I have supreme contempt, and only hope they

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Karl Legien Speaks on Floor of Congress!

(By National Socialist Press)
WASHINGTON, April 23.—After a mild objection on the part of Republican Leader Mann, the house unanimously agreed to take a recess for 15 minutes to hear and meet Karl Legien, the noted German Socialist and labor leader.
Mann declared that he would not object in this case but gave the house warning that he would do so hereafter. When Mann arose to make his remarks, Victor L. Berger, the Socialist representative from Wisconsin, called the attention of the Republican leader that he (Berger) had withdrawn a similar objection in the case of a Bohemian count a few weeks ago with the understanding that a Socialist would also be permitted to address the house.
"Karl Legien is a Socialist—one of the 110 Socialists recently elected to the German Reichstag," said Berger. "Berger's reference to Legien's party affiliation was no doubt a shock to the A. F. of L. leaders who were in the gallery. Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania, representing President Gompers, made the motion to grant Legien the privilege of the floor, but carefully omitted to mention that Legien is a Socialist."
Legien's speech before the house was as follows:
"I want, first of all to thank you most heartily for the honor you have granted me, or rather to the organized workers of Germany and of the civilized world, by inviting me to address the popular branch of the congress of your great nation.
"Unfortunately I am not in a position to speak to you on behalf of the entire German nation because of the strong differences existing between various political parties of our country. However, I can convey to you the greeting of the united labor movement of Germany, which represents more than 2,500,000 trade unionists and over 4,500,000 votes out of a total of 11,000,000. Also, I greet you in the name of the international labor secretary, which is composed of national unions of 20 countries with an aggregate membership of 10,000,000 wage earners, the American Federation of Labor included.
"Permit me to state that the organized workers do not only stand for progress in their respective countries but also are the strongest advocates of peace among nations. Our party in the German Reichstag has often brought pressure upon the government to avert war by getting into friendly communication with our neighboring countries. Our party has consistently opposed the policy of increasing armaments.
"The labor movement the world over aims at the bringing about of universal peace instead of allowing nations to rival with each other in securing the latest weapons to murder each other.
"Our labor movement has for years furnished legislation for the protection

may not be able to fool enough 'new members' to accomplish their object.
The lucky character of this element is seen in the attempt to change the meaning of certain phrases the use of which carries some danger of loss of popularity since the McNamara episode. We are now told that sabotage and direct action does not mean personal violence. This is plain lying. I have been a regular reader of from three to five French syndicalist organs ever since that movement originated, and those words are used to describe exactly the sort of tactics that made 'Skinner' Madden, Sam Parks and the McNamara brothers famous. 'Sabotage' is derived from the word 'sabot,' meaning a wooden shoe, and a very good English equivalent for it would be 'kicking the boots to em.'
The syndicalists have swallowed the whole anarchist philosophy, bag and baggage, with some fancy additions of their own. This includes opposition to majority rule, the propaganda of the deed and group ownership and control of industry. To all of this the Socialist movement is irrevocably opposed. Most of these literary revolutionists read French and know these statements are true. They also know that there would be small chance of capturing Socialist conventions and party machinery with the truth, so they carefully plane down these rough phrases to suit the people they expect to catch.
There is no room for this sort of stuff in the Socialist party and the coming national convention should see to it that without being stampeded into political compromise or closing eyes to effective methods of organization, on the economic field, that a good stiff jolt is handed out to those who would make of the Socialist movement a gas engine without a fly-wheel, and then hitch it to their private schemes.
If every delegate would read the minutes of previous conventions and then investigate the history of those who have tried to capture these conventions with mouthfuls of revolutionary froth, there would be poor fishing with that kind of bait at Indianapolis this year.

THE CHIVALRY ROMANCE
Phantastic writers of romance and scheming persons have endeavored to depict the medieval age as an especially virtuous one, and as one imbued with a profound veneration of women. The poetic courtships of the knights in passion, besides warfare and excessive drinking, was the unrestrained satisfaction of their sexual desires. In the main, the romantic worship of women was nothing but deflection of the mistress at the expense of the legitimate wife.—Bebel.
The Socialists are like the stubborn baby. We won't be happy until we get Socialism.

SEIDEL IN ST. LOUIS
ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 23.—To a crowd that taxed the capacity of the New Club hall here, Emil Seidel, defeated Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, last night explained the result of the recent election in Milwaukee.
An admission of 25 cents was charged and Seidel smilingly paid to get in and make a speech. He also paid ten cents for having his top coat and hat checked while he was talking.
After telling of the reforms the Socialists had worked in Milwaukee in the two years they were in power, Emil Seidel said he regarded the defeat as a great victory considering the causes that had combined to bring it about. He referred to the fact that he had polled 3,000 more votes in his defeat than he had when elected.
Why They Fought.
"The first cause of our defeat," said Seidel, "was the combination of Republicans and Democrats because they

caused the Titanic disaster and are every day in the industrial world. But they are not millionaires that die—they are the poor, the workingmen—like the engineers, the firemen, the sailors on the Titanic.
"I don't want to belittle the heroism of the rich on board that ill-fated vessel. They were brave and their bravery should be applauded. But we do not want to lose sight of the fact that the real heroes were the working people—those that stuck to their posts of duty on the ship—the engineers for example.
"Fifty per cent of the first class passengers were saved, a smaller per cent of the second class and only 10 per cent of the steerage.
"In this country we learn only by experience of our own. Fifteen or sixteen hundred lives have to be lost before we realize that there are not a sufficient number of lifeboats on transatlantic vessels.
"Greed and speed are the characteristics of the capitalistic system. They wanted the jobs. The second was the street railway company. We had compelled it to pay a license, clean its cars and had started to make it pay for the pavement between the tracks. It owned the electric light plant which supplies light to the city and we started to build one of our own. Why shouldn't it fight us at the election?
"The third cause was the gas light company. We raised its assessment \$200,000 and began to fight for cheaper gas. Next came the telephone company. We consolidated the police and fire alarm systems and put in a baby system for municipal use.
Stronger Than Ever.
"The next cause was the railroads. We would have compelled them to eliminate the grade crossings. So they also joined the fight against us. Then came the gamblers whom we had been putting out of business. After them were the contractors. There used to be 60 cents graft for every yard of pavement laid in Mil-

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How Socialists Would Deal With the Trusts

By R. A. DAGE.
(Written for The Herald.)
When a privately owned trust or industry of a public nature develops into a gigantic and oppressive monopoly crushing its competitors, fixing arbitrarily the prices of all products, regardless of the natural law of supply and demand, refuses to pay its employees living wages, and insolently defies the government under which it is permitted to exist, then that particular trust has outlived its usefulness as a privately owned industry, has gone to seed, or, matured, is now ripe for public ownership, and should not be "smashed," but should be appraised by a board of commissioners, the war-ridden stocks squeezed out, and its owners paid a fair price for the property, and it should be "taken over" by the nation, state, county, or city, as the case might require, and thereafter be carried on at cost of operation for the benefit of all the people.
Socialists contend that the Standard oil, the steel trust, the coal-mining combines, several railways, a telephone, wauke but the Socialists started to do the work without the aid of contractors.
"After these came the slum property owners. We had razed some of their insanitary buildings. Then came the manufacturers whom we had compelled to give sanitary work rooms to their employees.
"We were not beaten in Milwaukee. We are stronger there now than we ever were. This one defeat is only a part of our fight. You can't win a fight like we have on our hands in two years or four years or 10 years.
Seidel urged his auditors to start now and try to capture St. Louis at the elections next spring. He told them how the Socialists work in Milwaukee and urged them to follow the same methods of campaign here.
"It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself."
Creston, Iowa.

phone and express companies, and sundry other "big businesses" have become oppressive private monopolies. They have eliminated all competition in their line, accumulated in the hands of a few of their owners, billions of unearned wealth by watered stocks costing them nothing, have reduced the wages of their employees to the starvation point, forced up the prices of food stuffs and all the necessities of life, corrupted the legislative bodies and the courts, subverted the newspapers, muzzled the pulpit, and insolently ask the American people what they propose to do about it.
Socialism would insure to all alike a square deal and a fair race through life. It proposes to provide employment for every unemployed shelled adult, under which system the worker shall receive the full value of his labor. This might easily be done by a gradual process of converting from private to public ownership the trusts as they "ripen," and the inauguration of new publicly-owned industries. The "progressives" of both the old parties have adopted the plank of Socialism, to wit: The Initiative, Referendum, and Recall. If they will assist the Socialists in incorporating those measures into the laws of the country, and also the fourth plank, of public ownership as above outlined, they will see inaugurated an era of great peace, prosperity, and progress, under which most of the industrial ills of the country will be cured. There would be no unemployed, and strikes, blacklisting, lockouts, and violence be averted, and civilization pushed up to a higher level.
Creston, Iowa.

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methods. All the desirable institutions the world possesses today, are Socialistic. Socialism is constructive and makes for a high civilization. Individualism, capitalism—the competitive business system—of contention, strife, selfishness and destructive. No good government, no religion worthy of the name, can long endure under capitalism. Even monkeys can teach man some valuable lessons.
A mathematician once made the statement that if a pebble were cast into mid-ocean every drop of water to the farthest shores would be moved. Professor Edgar L. Larken, the eminent American astronomer, says that some suns known to us as stars are so far distant from us that it would require a million years for light to come from one of these suns to the earth traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. No boy or girl, for whom I write this, can fully comprehend these statements; indeed no adult person can do it. My object in quoting the scientist is to illustrate a proposition as follows: Our every thought, word and act vibrates the spiritual or mental ether and maybe influences our lives and the lives of others to the farthest shores of the universe. Let us therefore think kindly thoughts, speak friendly words and do good acts. Let all my boy and girl readers work to bring Socialism because it is founded on justice and guarantees a square deal to everybody.

In the penitentiary of one of the western states are fifteen convicts who are college or university graduates. It has been said by those who know, that many of the unemployed men known as tramps are also graduates of colleges. That these educated men are in prison and on the road homeless and friendless, is not certain proof that they are dishonest or lazy. It may be that they are "misfits" under this present system of industrialism, but that is not a serious fault, because the "fittest" citizen of a system of capitalism is the one who accumulates the largest amount of property through watered stocks, short weights and measures, by speculation and profits, by paying low wages to his employees and by exploitation, trickery and graft. After the co-operative commonwealth, or a Socialist system of industrialism, is established, there will be few criminals and no unemployed.

Most children reared in the country have seen how lovingly the mother cow will "lick" with her tongue her baby calf, and how grownup cattle will carelessly and gently "lick" each other. Animals are often kinder, each to the other, than humans. Men and women are naturally kind, but our competitive system of business compels us to be selfish and mean. It insists on "individualism" or the right of one man to take from another a part of his earnings without anything in return. Socialism says that is not right, and that every person should have the full value of his honest earnings. "Individualism" means "every one for himself." Socialism is a brotherhood, and says, "what is the right of one is the right of all." Yes; many

animals are kinder, to each other, than humans can be under capitalism. H. A. DAGE.
General Washington Helped
It is related that one day when General George Washington was commander-in-chief of the Continental army and while gazing about looking over the fortifications being constructed he came to where four or five men were cutting logs and building breastworks. Just as he rode up they were in the act of hoisting a log to the very top. That seemed to be a little more than four men could do. The log came to a standstill. The fifth man stood at one side giving orders or commands to the others, but did not help to raise the log. General Washington, who was dressed as a civilian and was unknown to the men, said to the fifth man, "Why do you not take hold and help the men to lift the log?" The fellow straightened up, assumed an air of dignity and replied: "Why, stranger, I am a corporal." Washington dismounted, hitched his horse, threw off his coat and took hold of the log which with his aid was soon boosted to the proper place. The general then put on his coat, mounted his horse and turning to the corporal said: "When you have some more heavy lifting to do and need a man, call on General Washington, your Commander-in-chief."
I have repeated this historical incident for the purpose of presenting to my boy and girl readers one illustration of the statement made that our greatest men and women are the most modest and do not reward labor as disgraceful, but on the contrary, as highly honorable. The workers of the world are "the salt of the earth." But for them the human family would be naked savages, living in caves. The idlers, the indolent, the people who do no useful work are drones—are parasites. Capitalism looks down in contempt on labor. Socialism honors labor and proposes to give the workers the full value of his toil.
"R. A. DAGE."

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By A. W. Mance

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